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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints regarding non implementation or slow implementation of the schemes under MPLADS;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, State wise;

(c) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for speedily implementation of the schemes under MPLADS; and

(d) whether Government propose to issue fresh guidelines to the State Governments in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a)&(b) Complaints have been received from some Members of Parliament regarding implementation of MPLAD Scheme. The State-wise details in this regard for the period from January, 2000 to October, 2000 are indicated in the statement, annexed.

(c) The Government has taken a number of steps to expedite the pace of progress under the scheme, namely, advice to District Collectors to process and sanction works recommended by the Members of Parliament to the extent of their yearly entitlement of funds, to stipulate time limit in the work order for the implementing agencies to complete the given work in a specific time frame depending upon the nature of the work and advice to all state Governments to issue instructions to all DCs to quickly process the works recommended by the Members of Parliament and accord administrative and financial sanction within 45 days, to scrupulously follow the monitoring provisions by all concerned. Meetings are being held by Minister of State (Statistics& Programme Implementation) in States to review the progress of works under MPLADS. In the past, such Review Meetings were held in Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal.

(d) Guidelines are under constant review and as and when necessary these are revised in consultation with the Committees on MPLADS, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.